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**AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page xx, line yy, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Moreover, the present invention can decrease the possibility that authentication may be denied even in a correct fingerprint reading operation of a user. That is, the authentication rejection rate (personal identification refusal rate) can be ~~provided~~ improved.